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Owego TV pioneer getting arts award

Ralph Hocking, founding director of the Experimental Television Center Ltd. in Owego, will be one of four recipients tonight when the New York Foundation for the Arts presents its annual Champion of the Arts awards.

Hocking will be honored as a pioneer in experimental video art.

"For almost two decades, he has provided artists with the time and space and innovative material with which to create their art," said Holly Blasier, special events coordinator for the not-for-profit foundation. "He is known throughout his field for his commitment to developing the tools and his deep generosity toward fellow artists."

The New York-based foundation, established in 1971, is one of the nation's largest providers of grants and services to individual artists, Blasier said.

The ceremony will be in the library of Lincoln Center.